GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DEATHS DUE TO BREAST CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of women die of breast cancer in the country every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith their reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard to encourage women to go in for mammography tests?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b): The exact number of deaths due to breast cancer i n India is not known since it is not maintained centrally. However, according to Indian Council of Medical Research the estimated number of women died due to breast cancer in India during the year 2007 is 41,245.

(c): Health is a state subject and the National Cancer Control Programme is being implemented with the objectives of primary prevention through health education, secondary prevention through early detection and diagnosis of cancer and strengthening of cancer treatment facilities. In addition, the comprehensive cancer detection and management facilities including cancer testing facilities in respective regions/States are provided by 27 Regional Cancer Centres in different parts of the country. The public awareness about cancer is also being carried out through Electronic and Print Media including telecast of the Programme "Kalyani" on Doordarshan.